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FOR POULSON'S AMERICAN DAILY ADVERTISER.

MR. EDITOR:—Five or six years ago, there was published in this city, a little work of considerable ingenuity, said to have been written by NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE, entitled “Innocent Amusement; or, The Hieroglyphical Fortune Teller.” The authorship of the book, its curiosity, and its merits are such as to make it interesting, and I would feel under peculiar obligation to any of your readers who could inform me where a copy might be procured.

Your Obed't Serv't,

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“Innocent Amusement; or, the Hieroglyphical Fortune-Teller. By an ingenious Frenchman.”

In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States, intituled, “An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts, and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned”—And also to the act, entitled, “An Act supplementary to an Act, entitled, ‘An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the copies of Maps, Charts, and Books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned,’ and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints.”

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Clerk of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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FOR

THE USE OF THIS BOOK.

I.—Let the person whose fortune is to be told, select from the card (or the book) a question and a hieroglyphic, designating each by its number.

For instance, suppose you take the 16th Question—"Shall my wish be gratified?" and select the 9th Hieroglyphic.

II.—Let the person holding the book find the number of the question in the left hand column of the *Directory*, and the hieroglyphic at the top of it, and trace their respective stripes to their intersection. The letter found there is the index to the true answer.

Thus tracing the 16th Question from the left of the Directory, and the 9th Hieroglyphic from the top of it, the stripes meet in X.

III.—Turn to the page headed by the letter thus ascertained, and the answer will be found opposite the hieroglyphic which was selected.

Turning to page X, opposite to Hieroglyphic 9 you find the following answer—"Your wish shall soon be gratified."

Note.— denotes a considerable pause.

**He* may be read *he* or *she*, according to the sex of the person who asked the question.

*H*** in like manner may be read *him*, or *his*, or *her*.

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- 1 Shall I ever be married?
- 2 When shall I be married?
- 3 Describe the person that shall be my companion?
- 4 What fortune shall I obtain with my companion?
- 5 What shall be the occupation of my companion?
- 6 What shall be the ruling passion of my companion?
- 7 Shall I ever see —— again?
- 8 Does —— love me?
- 9 What are ——'s intentions respecting me?
- 10 What are ——'s motives for marrying?
- 11 Describe the temper and disposition of ——?
- 12 Of what is —— most fond?
- 13 What is the reason of the coolness (or absence) of ——?
- 14 How shall I recommend myself to the favourable notice
of ——?
- 15 How shall I contrive to be introduced to ——?
- 16 Shall my wish be gratified?
- 17 Shall I be successful in what I design?
- 18 What shall be my condition in life?
- 19 What, that is remarkable, shall happen to me this year?
- 20 Of what am I most in danger?
- 21 What ails me?
- 22 What do people think concerning me?
- 23 What does my last dream signify?
- 24 What can you say with regard to my having friends?
- 25 What means shall I employ to become better and happier?
- 26 How shall I secure the favours of fortune and the esteem of
mankind?

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- 1 Yes, but I pity your companion.
- 2 By practising virtue and opposing vice.
- 3 Do to all as you would be done by.
- 4 Your friends are numerous and powerful.
- 5 That a certain person will do what *he promised.
- 6 That you will some day burst your lungs.
- 7 You have not scolded for half an hour.
- 8 Of meeting a certain person.
- 9 You shall lose the friendship of a certain person through
your own imprudence.
- 10 The most profound and undisturbed celibacy.
- 11 If you knew you would not ask.
- 12 It shall partially.
- 13 You must devise the means yourself, but do not delay.
- 14 By seeming to avoid h**.
- 15 Your indifference towards h**.
- 16 Of religion and morality.
- 17 Both are as bad as they can exist.
- 18 The attainment of happiness in life.
- 19 Such as you would not approve if you knew them.
- 20 Beware of deceivers; do not believe all you hear.
- 21 If you do what you know you ought to, you will.
- 22 The love of cruelty.
- 23 An actor.
- 24 The usual fortune of the unfortunate; misfortune.
- 25 A chewer, smoker, snuffer; O the pleasures you will suffer!
- 26 Never.



- 1 When the fashion shall change, and ladies "go a wooing."
- 2 To none but an idiot.
- 3 By dint of industry thou shalt become rich; and by the practice of virtue thou shalt gain a good name.
- 4 Do good to your enemies, despising revenge.
- 5 They would be fewer if they knew you better.
- 6 That your fortune in the world will be favourable.
- 7 That you deserve to be esteemed and loved by all.
- 8 You have seen yourself in the glass.
- 9 Of getting rich too soon.
- 10 You shall receive a remarkable present.
- 11 There shall be nineteen noses in your family.
- 12 Your plans will be frustrated by enemies.
- 13 Yes, if you will be good.
- 14 Be not anxious for such an introduction.
- 15 By propriety of conduct on all occasions.
- 16 Your religious sentiments.
- 17 Of making others wait on h**.
- 18 In both, a model for all the world.
- 19 To save doing worse.
- 20 They are honourable, and aim only at your happiness.
- 21 Yes, but has not courage to tell you so.
- 22 *He is desirous to see you, but cannot accomplish it.
- 23 The love of religion.
- 24 A cat-whipper.
- 25 More than I can name.
- 26 Of exalted station in life, and still more exalted virtue, piety, and learning.



- 1 S Tall, elegant, amiable, and accomplished.
- 2 S When the gentlemen cease to be particular.
- 3 S While virtue continues to be admired, your chance is good.
- 4 S Fortune is fickle with her favours; it is difficult to secure them.
- 5 S Control your passions.
- 6 S Your friends are the friends of virtue, modesty, and sincerity.
- 7 S That your life will be very happy.
- 8 S That you are very ugly, and still more ill-tempered.
- 9 S You are growing crazy.
- 10 S Of being found out in your roguery.
- 11 S You shall sustain a remarkable loss.
- 12 S It is indescribable; be content. [disappointed.
- 13 S Your enemies will try to prevent your success, but will be
- 14 S Your wish shall be gratified, when you shall have talked no scandal for one month.
- 15 S Proper means are not difficult to be found, if you desire it.
- 16 S By declaring that you admire h** beauty.
- 17 S Your political sentiments.
- 18 S Of the Bible and serious company.
- 19 S Much like your own; no better than they ought to be.
- 20 S To set a good example for others.
- 21 S They are wicked, and aim only at your disgrace.
- 22 S The conclusion that you have formed respecting it is correct.
- 23 S No, there is a certain person endeavouring to prevent it, and will succeed.
- 24 O Hatred of virtue.
- 25 # A pedagogue.
- 26 O A table, two chairs, and a cradle.



- 1 א A meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value.
- 2 ב Short, thick, crooked, old, and ugly.
- 3 ג When it shall not require two to make a bargain.
- 4 ד Yes, surely, if you can get an opportunity.
- 5 ה Let the golden rule be forever yours, and well kept.
- 6 ו Desire to be so, giving yourself to reflection.
- 7 ז Your friends are fewer than you think they are.
- 8 ח That you will soon attend a wedding, not as a guest.
- 9 ט That you are very philanthropic and pious.
- 10 י You want comforting.
- 11 יא You know as well as I.
- 12 יב You shall have a remarkable dream.
- 13 יג You will know all about it by the year 1900.
- 14 יד You will succeed and always regret it.
- 15 יו No, and be thankful that it cannot.
- 16 יז Such an introduction will be easy to accomplish, and highly advantageous to you.
- 17 יח By keeping your tongue still.
- 18 יט Your apparent indifference with regard to h**.
- 19 כ Of reading novels.
- 20 כא *He has the temper of a serpent and the disposition of a tiger.
- 22 ב To get a companion.
- 23 ג They are the very reverse of what you think they are.
- 24 ד Yes, and will till *he knows you better than at present.
- 25 ה Yes, although your enemies are trying to prevent it.
- 26 ו # The love of virtue and piety.
- 27 ז A pedlar.



- 1 N A soldier.
- 2 J Miss-fortune at compound interest. [mind.
- 3 C Of a noble and majestic figure, and a refined and strong
- 4 T When pride, vanity, and censoriousness become amiable qualities.
- 5 H If you do not, it will not be your fault.
- 6 J Walk undauntedly in the path of virtue.
- 7 J Study and reflect more than you do.
- 8 L You have many fair weather friends, and one true one.
- 9 B That your mind respecting a certain person will soon be
- 10 + That you are no better than you ought to be. [changed.
- 11 J Your dreams trouble you.
- 12 B Of being too much flattered.
- 13 B You shall be, and remain in good humour, two hours and twenty minutes.
- 14 L Like that of a ship in a storm.
- 15 B You will fail, and afterwards rejoice for it.
- 16 J At some future day it will, but not at present,
- 17 J Wait a little, and you shall find that means for that are unnecessary.
- 18 L By dressing gaily and fashionably.
- 19 C The style of your dress displeases h**.
- 20 J Of scandalizing h** friends.
- 21 J Temper like that of Job, and disposition like an angel.
- 22 J To comply with the fashion of the times.
- 23 G They are the same that you suspect. [heard.
- 24 O How can you doubt it? Recollect what you have seen and
- 25 # No, you will be prevented by a false friend.
- 26 O The love of company.



- 1 X The love of money.
- 2 L A sailor.
- 3 L One hundred thousand dollars. [tiousness.
- 4 L Naturally amiable, but prone to intemperance and licen-
- 5 L When some man in distress can find no other.
- 6 I Not till you lose your tongue.
- 7 I Mankind's esteem is hardly worth striving for; secure your
own. [giveness.
- 8 U Banish revenge from your heart, and fill its place with for-
- 9 B No person can have true friends who changes them often.
- 10 I That new scenes of pleasure for you are at hand.
- 11 U That there is room for you to grow better, but not to grow
worse.
- 12 B Your sleep has been interrupted.
- 13 B Of being too much beloved.
- 14 L You shall do a good action. [ing it.
- 15 L Like that of most people good, without your know-
- 16 L Yes, but not because you deserve success.
- 17 L Your wish is on the eve of fulfilment.
- 18 L Contrivance for that purpose ill becomes you. O shame!!
- 19 B By extraordinary attention and a little hypocrisy.
- 20 B *He is offended at some person besides yourself, but not at
you.
- 21 I Of the person that asks this question. [stone.
- 22 L Of a temper like leather, and a disposition like that of a
- 23 L Just what they ought to be.
- 24 O Just what *he told you the other evening.
- 25 # Yes, do not actions speak louder than words? In this case,
however, both speak alike.
- 26 O Yes, and your enemy will be the means of it.



- 1 X No, never.
- 2 r Affection for yourself.
- 3 r A preacher.
- 4 7 None, with interest.
- 5 H Haughty, revengeful, and cruel; and consequently detestable.
- 6 j When the gentlemen lose their senses.
- 7 j Not to any one acquainted with you.
- 8 L The most profound wisdom has been hitherto unequal to the
discovery of the means.
- 9 D Relinquish covetousness and be content.
- 10 ' Those are your best friends, whom you consider and treat as
enemies.
- 11 That your fortune is about to change for the better.
- 12 That you will disappoint those who expect any good from you.
- 13 You have lately had an offer of marriage.
- 14 Of being the cause of a duel.
- 15 You shall gain a remarkable friend.
- 16 Much better than you have ever thought of.
- 17 No, but your failure will not be owing to bad plans on your
part.
- 18 No, because it is criminal.
- 19 Wait patiently, and you will soon be saved the trouble.
- 20 By flattery and censoriousness artfully and plentifully ap-
- 21 *He is melancholy, but not offended. [plied.
- 22 Of solitude.
- 23 Temper like wild-fire, and disposition like that of a savage:
- 24 To increase his stock of happiness.
- 25 # To benefit h**self by you as much as possible.
- 26 O No, but that will not be always the case.



- 1 X Yes, but less than you love h**.
- 2 J Yes, soon.
- 3 C The love of strong drink.
- 4 L A tailor.
- 5 C A heart full of affection for you.
- 6 J Remarkable for goodness of temper and literary attainments.
- 7 J When you gain wisdom, or the gentlemen lose their senses.
- 8 L You shall when you deserve to.
- 9 O You demand more than I can answer.
- 10 ' "Learn to control your tongue, that restless thing
"Of mischief oft, and shame the fatal spring."
- 11 J I say you have none but the vicious.
- 12 C It denotes great honour and prosperity for you.
- 13 C That you care very little for their good or ill opinion.
- 14 C You are frightened at the prospect before you.
- 15 C Of becoming the prey of a wolf in sheep's clothing.
- 16 C You shall have two serious thoughts.
- 17 C Worse than you have ever thought of.
- 18 C Ask your conscience whether or not you ought to be.
- 19 C Yes, because it is reasonable.
- 20 C You would be better employed contriving something else.
- 21 : By modest and unassuming manners, and plainness and neat-
ness of dress.
- 22 J *He is indisposed.
- 23 C Of the bottle and bad company.
- 24 O Revengeful and implacable.
- 25 # To please you.
- 26 O No better than they ought to be.



- 1 X To marry you.
- 2 J No, and be thankful for it.
- 3 r Yes, much sooner than you expect.
- 4 r Hatred of yourself.
- 5 H A blacksmith.
- 6 r Ten thousand dollars.
- 7 j Possessing uncommon talents and much learning.
- 8 L When you win a heart by censoriousness.
- 9 U Not unless all signs fail.
- 10 y Act well your part, there all your duty lies.
- 11 n Conquer your passions; that is half the task.
- 12 n You have many friends, and will have them while virtue and goodness shall continue to be admired.
- 13 U It denotes that dreams are not always to be depended upon.
- 14 L That you are destined to do much good in the world.
- 15 S You have done no good to-day.
- 16 S Of forgetting the way to church.
- 17 T You shall become amiable.
- 18 L Your residence shall be in a large city surrounded with water.
- 19 E Yes, and be ruined by that success.
- 20 W No. You would better relinquish wishing and be content.
- 21 i Try to contrive to avoid such an introduction.
- 22 J By attention and politeness to h**.
- 23 E *He is so busy that *he has not time to think on you.
- 24 O Of good eating and drinking.
- 25 # Patient, humble, and meek, and of a philanthropic disposition.
- 26 O Such as ought not to be mentioned.



- 1 א To relieve some one in distress.
- 2 אב To abandon you.
- 3 אה Yes, more than any other.
- 4 אה No, it is impossible.
- 5 אה Selfishness.
- 6 אה A lawyer.
- 7 אה A large sum in current coin hypocrisy.
- 8 אה Very beautiful, and very vain of it.
- 9 אה When your real character and good qualities become sufficiently known.
- 10 אה Yes, if you can obtain the consent of your friends.
- 11 אה The favours of fortune and the esteem of mankind, are both of less importance to you than self-esteem.
- 12 אה Think more and talk less.
- 13 אה All who know you are your friends.
- 14 אה It signifies that you will soon be tied up, but not hurt.
- 15 אה That you lack prudence.
- 16 אה You study too intensely.
- 17 אה Of going too often to balls.
- 18 אה You shall inherit a large fortune.
- 19 אה Your cup of calamities shall be the fullest cup in your house.
- 20 אה No, because a certain person will prove false to you.
- 21 אה Yes, if you do not break your neck at wishing.
- 22 אה You would better drown yourself at once.
- 23 אה You have no art to use; when known you will be admired.
- 24 אה *He is not cool nor offended, but much in love with you.
- 25 אה Of that which is most disgraceful.
- 26 אה Such as become a rational being.



- 1 א Mild temper; compassionate and amiable disposition.
- 2 ג To provide for h**self a happy home.
- 3 ח To injure your reputation.
- 4 ד No, not at all.
- 5 ה You will when *he shall become visible to you.
- 6 ו The love of gaming.
- 7 ז A physician.
- 8 ל Fourteen poor children.
- 9 ט Old, ugly, crooked and crabbed in both body and mind.
- 10 י When you renounce coquetry.
- 11 כ Your hand is sought by many, and you shall not long be un-
married.
- 12 פ To do these effectually requires powers more than human.
- 13 ט Be guided by the prudent counsel of your friends.
- 14 ל Your friends are nearly all in the workhouse.
- 15 פ It signifies a marriage but not yours.
- 16 צ That you deserve to be more imitated by others than you are.
- 17 ת You are intoxicated with l . . . l . . . love.
- 18 ל Of becoming vain.
- 19 ע You shall acquire a new relation.
- 20 ש You shall do much good, and consequently be very happy.
- 21 : Yes, if you act honestly and conscientiously about it.
- 22 ג Yes, if an opportunity shall offer.
- 23 ג Go to church, and ask the priest to introduce you.
- 24 ם By taking no pains to do so, but behaving with strict propriety.
- 25 # Your answer grieved h**.
- 26 ם Of whatever is most virtuous, noble, and honourable.



- 1 N Of you.
 2 Fierce temper; and cross and contrary disposition.
 3 Gain.
 4 To do what he told you;—believe him.
 5 Yes; but not as well as *he loves the bottle.
 6 Yes, but not as soon as you would wish to.
 7 The love of literature.
 8 A shoemaker.
 9 A large supply of modern economy, properly called extravagance.
 10 Tall, handsome, amiable, and much attached to you.
 11 As soon as you give your consent.
 12 Yes, if you can be satisfied with what is reasonable.
 13 The best means are industry and economy for the first; and for the last, the practice of honesty and charity.
 14 Renounce vanity, and promote solid and serious reflection.
 15 Your friends are few, and their number is diminishing.
 16 It signifies a fortune that is, *misfortune*.
 17 That you are not wiser than your neighbours.
 18 Your lover has forsaken you.
 19 Of frightening people with your loquacity.
 20 You shall become modest.
 21 You shall be a pattern for your sex, and very happy.
 22 Yes, and it will be the foundation of good fortune for you.
 23 Yes, if you can get any one to assist you.
 24 The means of an introduction are easy to contrive; you need no advice.
 25 By treating h** ill as often as you have opportunity.
 26 Your indiscreet behaviour.



- 1 X Reflect on what you said the last time you saw h**, and then
- 2 ג Of your rival. [judge.]
- 3 ט Good temper and amiable disposition.
- 4 ד Not to do any good.
- 5 ה Just what they ought to be.
- 6 ו No, *he knows you too well to love you.
- 7 י Yes, but not very soon.
- 8 ל Love of you and home.
- 9 ט A scavenger.
- 10 , A great deal of love, but all for others and none for you.
- 11 נ With a full pocket, empty head, and false heart.
- 12 נ As soon as you say to a certain gentleman, yes.
- 13 ט Hymen will soon grant your earnest request.
- 14 ל Be diligent and charitable. [follow it.]
- 15 ה Hear counsel and receive instruction, and, more important,
- 16 ז Your best friends are those who teach you your faults, and how to correct them.
- 17 ת That you will soon meet distant friends.
- 18 ל That you mean well, but lack stability of intention.
- 19 ט You have met with a misfortune.
- 20 ש Of being overpowered by temptation.
- 21 י You shall cease to be censorious.
- 22 נ You shall not be a stranger to affliction nor to happiness.
- 23 ל No, and your failure will eventually please you better than success would.
- 24 ו Yes, after you are married.
- 25 # Go to the next ball; and you will succeed.
- 26 ו By saying to h**, "If you loves I as I loves you,
No pair's so happy as us two."



- 1 N By prudent and genteel deportment.
- 2 N Your reserve.
- 3 N Of strong drink.
- 4 N Violent and revengeful.
- 5 N To please the person *he loves best h**self.
- 6 N Highly honourable.
- 7 N Yes, much more than you love h**.
- 8 N No, but *he shall see you again.
- 9 N Anger.
- 10 N A beggar.
- 11 N A competency.
- 12 N Of great talents, and eminent for hypocrisy.
- 13 N Whenever you please.
- 14 N If you do not soon, you will die of despair.
- 15 N Industry maketh rich, and virtue bringeth honour to the possessor.
- 16 N Enlarge the mind and elevate the thoughts.
- 17 N Your friends are not numerous, but they will increase with your acquaintance.
- 18 N That you will soon gain a new and true friend.
- 19 N That you must be ignorant of their sentiments.
- 20 N You are afraid of being looked at.
- 21 N Of becoming rich.
- 22 N You shall make a remarkable discovery that you are vain.
- 23 N You shall be as happy as a drunken partner and twelve ragged children can make you. [you.
- 24 O Yes, and your success will be productive of misfortune for
- 25 # Yes, if you leave off gossiping.
- 26 O Express your wish in the newspapers.



- 1 X Hire a porter to introduce you immediately.
- 2 J By giving three flirts and a wink.
- 3 P Your freedom has offended h**.
- 4 T Of money.
- 5 H Hasty temper, but benevolent and humane.
- 6 T That does not concern you.
- 7 M Most base and dishonourable; beware!
- 8 B Because *he has seen you but once yet.
- 9 Y Yes, but you shall wait a long time.
- 10 J Jealousy.
- 11 A A merchant.
- 12 T Ten thousand pounds worth of poverty.
- 13 E Eminent for talents, learning, and piety.
- 14 T The next time you go to church.
- 15 Y Yes, unless virtue, modesty and gentleness lose their charms.
- 16 F Fortune's favours are hardly worth possessing; mankind esteem goodness.
- 17 E Exclude anger from the catalogue of your frailties.
- 18 Y Your friends must be salted or they will not keep.
- 19 T That you will soon hear good news.
- 20 O The opinion of your acquaintance concerning you is very favourable.
- 21 Y You are bashful.
- 22 O Of possessing too much power.
- 23 Y You shall preserve the friendship of some one a month.
- 24 O You shall be made wretched with riches.
- 25 # No, because a certain friend of yours is false.
- 26 O Are not you ashamed of that wish?





























- 1 Yes. if it is for celibacy.
- 2 Introduce yourself, to be sure.
- 3 By sensible and serious conversation.
- 4 You are more curious than wise in asking that question.
- 5 Of somebody whom you know.
- 6 Ill temper, and much addicted to censoriousness.
- 7 Just what you was told they were.
- 8 To make you happy.
- 9 What would you give to know ?
- 10 Yes, when you shall not want to.
- 11 Love.
- 12 A high officer of state.
- 13 A bed and a blanket.
- 14 Gay, good humoured, rich, and handsome; possessing the
good will of all.
- 15 In the latter part of the present century.
- 16 Yes, if your most earnest prayer be answered favourably.
- 17 Be less anxious for these than for self-approbation.
- 18 Forget not the future. [sess one.
- 19 You will never lack a friend as long as you pos-
- 20 That you will soon stand before a magistrate.
- 21 That you are not much wiser than Solomon was.
- 22 You have been thinking on something disagreeable.
- 23 Of losing the friendship of a certain friend.
- 24 You shall cease to be rude.
- 25 # You have a diversified path to travel, but keep good courage,
for it shall have a happy end.
- 26 O Yes, if you will relinquish your darling vice. Do you know
which one that is?



- 1 X Your success depends entirely on your own exertions.
- 2 ג No, because you do not deserve it.
- 3 ח The contriving of that must be all left to yourself.
- 4 ר By incessant laughing.
- 5 ה H** coolness is occasioned by lack of warmth.
- 6 ו Of domestic peace and happiness.
- 7 י Pleasant and affable, benevolent and humane.
- 8 ל To get a mate.
- 9 ט To engage your affections, and then abandon you.
- 10 י Yes, as sincerely as you love h**.
- 11 נ No, I believe you will not.
- 12 ט Love of music.
- 13 ט A naval officer.
- 14 ל You will receive a portion in cash, amounting to three cents
and eight mills. [than both.
- 15 פ *He will have more tongue than brains; and more vanity
- 16 פ When some one shall love you.
- 17 ר No. Don't cry.
- 18 ל No certain path to fortune is known; but that of virtue leads
to reputation. [to-day.
- 19 ע Be able every night to say, I have learned something new
- 20 ש Your friends are enemies of the rest of mankind.
- 21 : That you will soon change your condition in life.
- 22 ג That you are more agreeable at a distance than near by.
- 23 ג You have been silent longer than usual.
- 24 ק Of injuring one of your friends.
- 25 # You shall discover that you are not faultless.
- 26 ו You shall spend and end your life in a foreign country, and
happily.



- 1  Affluence, ease, and honour, shall be your portion.
- 2  No.
- 3  Yes, but you shall regret your success.
- 4  It may be easily accomplished by various means.
- 5  By scandalizing your acquaintances.
- 6  You have given offence, as usual, by your loquacity.
- 7  Of quarrelling and fighting.
- 8  Hasty and ungoverned temper; jealous, revengeful, and remorseless.
- 9  To get some one to awake h** in the morning.
- 10  As fair as you can desire.
- 11  No, how can any one love you.
- 12  Yes, you shall much sooner than you wish to.
- 13  The love of honour.
- 14  A general.
- 15  A handsome house well furnished, and \$5000 cash.
- 16  Reserved, jealous, hypocritical, and revengeful.
- 17  When the gentlemen cease to have discernment.
- 18  No, but you will live a pattern for your sex, a model of every thing good and amiable. [actions.
- 19  Let prudence guide your steps, and virtue govern all your
- 20  Change your reading and course of thinking.
- 21  Your friends are all true hypocrites.
- 22  That you will soon form a partnership connexion.
- 23  That your character and manners are susceptible of improvement.
- 24  Nothing at all; you are filled with spleen.
- 25  Of being deceived by a certain false person.
- 26  You shall begin to grow better.



- 1 X You shall be married.
- 2 J Poverty and misfortune shall be your companions.
- 3 C Yes.
- 4 T Wait and see.
- 5 H You will never be able to accomplish your desire in that re-
- 6 Y By singing well. [spect.
- 7 I Suspicion that you desire it.
- 8 L Of fine cloths and good company.
- 9 U Sweet temper and philanthropic disposition.
- 10 , To get some one to mend h** stockings.
- 11 N To provide for you happiness for life.
- 12 Yes, as much as you hate some one else.
- 13 Yes, I believe you will.
- 14 The love of praise.
- 15 An author.
- 16 Two goats and a pig. [acter.
- 17 A handsome person, ample fortune, and unblemished char-
- 18 When virtue shall be duly prized.
- 19 Yes, several times, but not all at once.
- 20 Speak always either truth or nothing; and practise justice
and charity.
- 21 : Remember a certain certainty, and a certain uncertainty.
- 22 J You will never have valuable friends till you yourself befriend
some person.
- 23 G It denotes success in your intended undertaking.
- 24 O That when you marry, somebody will get bit.
- 25 # You danced too hard at the last ball.
- 26 O Of something which seems to you least dangerous.



- 1 א Of wearing out your tongue.
- 2 א You shall make a remarkable bargain.
- 3 א You shall be generally prosperous and happy.
- 4 א If you take the proper means for it, you will.
- 5 א No, and you shall be glad that it was not.
- 6 א You would better not desire such an introduction.
- 7 א By sighs and side glances.
- 8 א Hatred of hearing you scandalize your friends.
- 9 א Of reading and reflection.
- 10 א Violent temper, but harmless because it is under constant command.
- 11 א To get some one to wait on h**.
- 12 א To trifle with you.
- 13 א Yes, to distraction.
- 14 א Yes, if you take the proper means for it.
- 15 א Pride.
- 16 א A poet.
- 17 א A cat with three kittens.
- 18 א Ignorant, pedantic, proud, haughty, and revengeful.
- 19 א When some prattler wants a mate.
- 20 א Not unless you make up your mind.
- 21 א Be temperate, industrious, economical and charitable: these are the means.
- 22 א "Correct the heart and all will be right."
- 23 א Be yourself a true friend, and then ask me again.
- 24 א It signifies nothing at all.
- 25 א That you are more agreeable than truly amiable.
- 26 א You indulge too much in thinking on a certain disagreeable subject.



- 1 X You are love-sick.
- 2 N Of injuring your friends by talking too much.
- 3 C You shall be visited by a gentleman.
- 4 L You shall live chiefly by eating and drinking.
- 5 T Your success is impossible, therefore relinquish the design.
- 6 I If you use the proper means, it will.
- 7 J An introduction to h**, would not be advantageous to you.
- 8 U By amiable deportment and sensible conversation.
- 9 D Your censoriousness.
- 10 ; Of science and literature.
- 11 J Ungoverned ill temper, and tyrannical and sanguinary disposition.
- 12 N To get some one to work for h**, that *he may be idle.
- 13 C To try your temper by promising and then refusing you.
- 14 L Yes, you know *he has told you so.
- 15 D No, because *he does not desire it.
- 16 Y Misanthropy.
- 17 T A printer.
- 18 L A large portion of care and inquietude.
- 19 C Yourg. handsome, accomplished and rich.
- 20 W When the virtuous shall be preferred before the vain.
- 21 : Yes, to the person you are now in love with; do not blush.
- 22 J Regardless of fortune and her favours, pursue the path of rectitude.
- 23 G Forget not your final destination.
- 24 O You have one true friend at least, and that is one more than generally falls to the lot of kings.
- 25 # It denotes a great and happy change of circumstances.
- 26 O That you want very much to be married.



- 1 ♂ That you are very handsome and very vain of it.
- 2 ♀ You are in love.
- 3 ♂ Of success in a certain adventure.
- 4 ♀ You shall be silent half an hour.
- 5 ♂ You shall be the respected head of a numerous family.
- 6 ♀ Success would prove a misfortune to you; do not pursue it.
- 7 ♂ Not unless you be more prudent.
- 8 ♀ Ask a friend to introduce you.
- 9 ♂ By dancing well.
- 10 ♀ Your reserve towards h**.
- 11 ♂ Of scandalizing others.
- 12 ♀ Mild and even temper, generous and noble.
- 13 ♂ To change courtship to partnership.
- 14 ♀ To try your constancy, and then act according to the result.
- 15 ♂ No, it is all hypocrisy.
- 16 ♀ Yes, if you please; for *he is anxious for it.
- 17 ♂ Philanthropy.
- 18 ♀ A chimney-sweeper.
- 19 ♂ As much gold as you can lift.
- 20 ♀ A great beauty, with a head filled with vanity instead of brains.
- 21 ♂ When some town-crier shall want a partner.
- 22 ♀ Yes, if all promises be kept.
- 23 ♂ "Regard the world with cautious eye,
Nor raise your expectations high."
- 24 ♀ Renounce giddiness, and be more thoughtful.
- 25 ♂ You have, like most other persons, many friends, but few true ones.
- 26 ♀ It was a warning to you to avoid you know what.



- 1 א That you will soon be married.
- 2 ג That you have more curiosity than wisdom.
- 3 ז You are in a fit of good humour.
- 4 ד Of beating out your teeth with your tongue.
- 5 ה You shall hear good news from an absent friend.
- 6 ו You shall see much tribulation, but be happy at last.
- 7 י Your exertions shall be crowned with success.
- 8 ט What would you give to know?
- 9 ט If you are very anxious respecting it, you would better wait till your anxiety abates.
- 10 י By wearing a red dress and painted complexion.
- 11 כ Your voice frightened the creature.
- 12 פ Good dinners and wine.
- 13 מ Irritable and violent temper; but kind to all in distress.
- 14 ל To please h** mother.
- 15 ס To please you as much as possible.
- 16 ע Yes, and this is not the first time you have been told of it.
- 17 ת No, and you well know the reason.
- 18 י The love of seeing you unhappy.
- 19 כ A butcher.
- 20 ש A million, lacking only the last syllable.
- 21 : Ignorant, coarse, vulgar, tyrannical, ill-tempered and miserly.
- 22 נ When you cease to be loquacious.
- 23 ט Yes, if you be not too difficult to be pleased.
- 24 ק Sigh not for fortune's favours, nor for honors; but do your duty.
- 25 # Read the works of the wise, and practice accordingly.
- 26 ו That is your best friend who often gives you good advice.



- 1 א I say you have many and good ones.
- 2 ב That your present suitor will be your companion for life.
- 3 ג That you will some day be more humble than at present.
- 4 ד Your conscience troubles you.
- 5 ה Of losing the good will of your acquaintances.
- 6 ו You shall have made to you a remarkable proposition.
- 7 ז You shall be prosperous awhile, but afterwards unfortunate.
- 8 ח You shall be successful, but not immediately.
- 9 ט Your wish shall soon be gratified.
- 10 י Make a party and invite h**.
- 11 כ By seeming religions.
- 12 ל *He is offended at nothing.
- 13 מ Of idleness and poverty.
- 14 נ Peevish and fretful at home, but very pleasant elsewhere.
- 15 ס To gain a fortune.
- 16 ע To be your best friend.
- 17 פ You will do well to believe what you have been told respecting it.
- 18 ק No, and you will never know why.
- 19 ר The love of serious study.
- 20 ש A farmer.
- 21 ז An income of five hundred a year.
- 22 ח Of a dark complexion; large, deep-sunk, black eyes; black hair; fierce, savage countenance and disposition.
- 23 ט When you cease to encourage coxcombs.
- 24 ק Yes, but very privately.
- 25 פ There has been found no sure way to success; do your best.
- 26 צ Copy those who have already done so.



- 1 X Think, reason, judge, obey.
- 2 J I say you calculate on more than you have.
- 3 C That you will soon have an offer of marriage.
- 4 T That you are very amiable.
- 5 H You have seen a certain person again.
- 6 J Of falling asleep.
- 7 J You shall have much trouble, but shall go safely through it.
- 8 L You shall be married to nobody.
- 9 U Your plans are well laid, but you will ultimately fail.
- 10 ' Yes, and you be ruined by it.
- 11 J Such an introduction would involve you in difficulty; avoid it.
- 12 H By admiring h** favourite minister.
- 13 H** absence is occasioned by h** not being with you.
- 14 C Of books.
- 15 D Easily made angry, but as easily appeased; generous and noble.
- 16 X To gratify you.
- 17 H To take advantage of your confidence to injure you.
- 18 L No, do not believe what you have been told respecting it.
- 19 C No, but be not dissatisfied, for it is all well ordered.
- 20 W Revenge.
- 21 : A huckster.
- 22 J Five hundred thousand dollars.
- 23 G Fantastical, coxcomical, coquetical, and hypocritical.
- 24 O When ladies grow scarce.
- 25 # Yes, to a person much older and better than yourself.
- 26 O The favours of fortune are not purchaseable, but virtue is always attainable.



- 1 By becoming good and just.
- 2 Instruct your mind and curb your tongue.
- 3 You have one very sincere one yourself.
- 4 That you will soon receive a very agreeable visit.
- 5 That you will deceive whom you marry and afterwards undeceive h**
- 6 You have lost your lover.
- 7 Of being too silent.
- 8 You shall have a remarkable promise made you.
- 9 You would better withdraw that question.
- 10 Look at your motives, and judge for yourself.
- 11 It surely shall, to its fullest extent.
- 12 Wait patiently; a favourable opportunity will soon arrive.
- 13 By letting h** know you have property.
- 14 Your extraordinary pains to please has given offence.
- 15 Of playing the hypocrite.
- 16 Morose, sullen, and unsociable; selfish, mean, and miserly.
- 17 To fulfil a certain promise.
- 18 To draw from you your sentiments respecting himself and others.
- 19 Be on your guard be careful, I say.
- 20 If a certain person perform a certain promise, you will; but not otherwise.
- 21 The love of seeing and making you happy.
- 22 A shoeblack.
- 23 A ship well laden, called Hardship.
- 24 Deformed, maimed, and blind, with faults of every kind.
- 25 When you become industrious.
- 26 Yes, unless you get wofully disappointed.

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